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HIGHLIGHTS

New Mexico's unemployment situation continued to worsen during July according to preliminary estimates. The number of unemployed grew by 300 during July, a month which normally sees a moderate reduction from June's seasonal peak. Total unemployed in New Mexico stood at 60,000 in July, 18,800 higher than a year ago.

The State's unemployment rate was 10.1 percent, unchanged from the revised June figure but considerably higher than the July 1981 rate of 7.1 percent. The nationwide unemployment rate (not seasonally adjusted) this July was 9.8 percent, unchanged from June but up from 7.3 percent one year ago.

The most significant over-the-month nonfarm employment changes were in the manufacturing, mining and construction industries.

Manufacturing lost 400 jobs, caused by layoffs in the electronic equipment sector and by the closing of a major textile firm, Furtex Incorporated of Las Cruces.

New Mexico's mining industry continued to experience severe problems during July. Metal mining lost 400 jobs as several additional uranium producers curtailed operations and the last operating copper mine in the state, Quintana Minerals near Hillsboro, closed. Mining and milling operations at New Mexico's four major copper producers, Kennecott, Phelps Dodge, Sharon Steel and Quintana, are not expected to resume until prices for the red metal increase. The slowdown in oil and gas extraction, which began the first part of this year, continued and the sector declined by 300 jobs during July. The increase in nonmetallic mining was caused by the return to work of potash miners after longer than usual June vacation shutdowns. The depressed building industry recorded only a minor 100 job gain during July, considerably less than normally expected during the period. Bechtel Corporation has been winding down the large expansion project at Kennecott's copper mill near Silver City, which has has a definite moderating effect on construction employment this spring and summer. At its peak, the Bechtel project employed approximately 2200 persons.

The government employment loss of 3100 jobs this July, although large, was seasonal in nature since it was caused by normal summer furloughs at state and local educational institutions.

JULY SUMMARY 1/

	Prel	Revised		Changed From	
	July 1982	June 1982	July 1981	June 1982	July 1981
Civilian Labor Force	596,400	589,400	580,700	+ 7,000	+15,700
Employment	536,400	529,700	539,500	+ 6,700	- 3,100
Unemployment	60,000	59,700	41,200	+ 300	+18,800
Rate	10.1	10.1	7.1		

1/ Estimates of employed persons by place of residence.

NEW MEXICO

ESTIMATED NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT (JOBS)

(Prepared in cooperation with the U. S. Bureau of Labor Statistics)

	Prelim JUL 1982	Revised JUN 1982	Revised JUL 1981	Change From JUN 1982	Change From JUL 1981
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT 1/	471,800	474,500	475,900	-2,700	-4,100
MINING	27,300	27,600	31,700	- 300	-4,400
Metal Mining	5,800	6,200	9,200	- 400	-3,400
Bituminous Coal, Quarrying and Nonmetallic Mining	5,200	4,800	5,700	+ 400	- 500
Oil and Gas Extraction	16,300	16,600	16,800	- 300	- 500
CONSTRUCTION	32,300	32,200	34,200	+ 100	-1,900
MANUFACTURING	32,600	33,000	34,400	- 400	-1,800
Durable Goods	20,300	20,400	21,300	- 100	-1,000
Lumber and Wood Products	2,100	2,000	2,800	+ 100	- 700
Elec. and Electronic Equipment	3,500	3,700	3,500	- 200	0
Transportation Equipment	3,700	3,700	3,800	0	- 100
Other Durable Goods	11,000	11,000	11,200	0	- 200
Nondurable Goods	12,300	12,600	13,100	- 300	- 800
Food and Kindred Products	3,800	3,800	3,900	0	- 100
Textiles and Apparel	2,900	3,200	3,600	- 300	- 700
Other Nondurable Goods	5,600	5,600	5,600	0	0
TRANSPORTATION and PUBLIC UTILITIES	28,200	28,400	28,600	- 200	- 400
Railroad Transportation	2,500	2,500	3,000	0	- 500
Trucking and Warehousing	5,600	5,700	5,700	- 100	- 100
Other Transportation	3,000	3,000	2,800	0	+ 200
Communication	7,400	7,400	7,500	0	- 100
Elec., Gas and Sanitary Services	9,700	9,800	9,600	- 100	+ 100
WHOLESALE and RETAIL TRADE	110,700	110,400	107,700	+ 300	+3,000
Wholesale Trade	23,400	23,300	23,000	+ 100	+ 400
Durable Goods	14,200	14,100	13,900	+ 100	+ 300
Nondurable Goods	9,200	9,200	9,100	0	+ 100
Retail Trade	87,300	87,100	84,700	+ 200	+2,600
General Merchandise Stores	10,600	10,700	10,500	- 100	+ 100
Food Stores	12,700	12,700	12,000	0	+ 700
Auto Dlrs and Service Stations	11,600	11,500	12,100	+ 100	- 500
Eating and Drinking Places	30,900	30,900	29,000	0	+1,900
Other Retail Trade	21,500	21,300	21,100	+ 200	+ 400
FINANCE, INSURANCE and REAL ESTATE	22,500	22,300	22,000	+ 200	+ 500
Banking	7,800	7,700	7,500	+ 100	+ 300
Ins. Carriers, Agents and Brokers	5,400	5,400	5,500	0	- 100
Other Finance, Ins. and Real Estate	9,300	9,200	9,000	+ 100	+ 300
SERVICES	98,600	97,900	97,200	+ 700	+1,400
Hotels and Other Lodging Places	11,100	10,600	11,100	+ 500	0
Personal Services	4,500	4,600	4,500	- 100	0
Business Services	20,500	20,400	20,300	+ 100	+ 200
Health Services	23,600	24,000	22,400	- 400	+1,200
Social Services	6,900	6,700	8,900	+ 200	-2,000
Membership Organizations	6,900	6,500	6,200	+ 400	+ 700
Other Services	25,100	25,100	23,800	0	+1,300
GOVERNMENT	119,600	122,700	120,100	-3,100	- 500
Federal	29,800	29,600	30,700	+ 200	- 900
State 2/	39,300	39,900	40,600	- 600	-1,300
Local	50,500	53,200	48,800	-2,700	+1,700

1/ Estimates include all full-time and part-time wage and salary workers who worked or received pay during the pay period which included the 12th day of the month. Self-employed, family workers, household workers and members of the Armed Forces are excluded.

2/ Includes other state employees working in New Mexico.

ALBUQUERQUE AREA (BERNALILLO AND SANDOVAL COUNTIES)

HIGHLIGHTS

As was also the case statewide, unemployment in the Albuquerque area fared rather poorly during July. The number of jobless failed to decline from the seasonal June peak as is the normal trend, causing the unemployment rate to remain unchanged over the month at 8.8 percent. The Statewide unemployment rate during July was 10.1 percent while the U.S. jobless rate was 9.8 percent. The number of unemployed in Albuquerque was an estimated 19,300, up by 3,900 or 25 percent from one year ago. For comparison purposes, statewide unemployment showed an increase of 46 percent while nationwide unemployment grew by 36 percent from July 1981 to July 1982.

Nonagricultural wage and salary employment in Albuquerque showed a 1,000 loss during July, with reductions in government, manufacturing and services offset partially by a seasonal increase in construction. Perhaps the most significant monthly change was the manufacturing loss of 200 jobs. A layoff at a major firm in durable goods, specifically in electronic equipment, was the major cause of the employment reduction. As of this July, manufacturing was 1,400 jobs below the employment level one year previous, and the largest losses were in apparel, transportation equipment and food manufacturing.

On somewhat of an encouraging note, construction reported 300 additional jobs during July, an improvement over the showing by the industry during the previous few months. Significant reductions in mortgage interest rates will be needed before any real improvement is seen in the building industry, however.

JULY SUMMARY 1/

	Prel	Revised		Change From	
	July 1982	June 1982	July 1981	June 1982	July 1981
Civilian Labor Force	218,200	215,500	213,100	+2,700	+5,100
Employment	198,900	196,500	197,700	+2,400	+1,200
Unemployment	19,300	19,000	15,400	+ 300	+3,900
Rate	8.8	8.8	7.2		

1/ *Estimates of employed persons by place of residence.*

ALBUQUERQUE AREA (BERNALILLO AND SANDOVAL COUNTIES)

ESTIMATED NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT (JOBS)

(Prepared in cooperation with the U. S. Bureau of Labor Statistics)

	Prelim JUL 1982	Revised JUN 1982	Revised JUL 1981	JUL Change From JUN 1982	JUL Change From JUL 1981
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT 1/	188,700	189,700	188,700	-1,000	0
CONSTRUCTION	12,100	11,800	12,600	+ 300	- 500
MANUFACTURING	16,700	16,900	18,100	- 200	-1,400
Durable Goods	11,800	11,900	12,500	- 100	- 700
Nondurable Goods	4,900	5,000	5,600	- 100	- 700
TRANSPORTATION and PUBLIC UTILITIES	11,200	11,300	11,700	- 100	- 500
Transportation	4,800	4,900	5,300	- 100	- 500
Communication	3,900	3,900	4,100	0	- 200
Electric, Gas and Sanitary Services	2,500	2,500	2,300	0	+ 200
WHOLESALE and RETAIL TRADE	49,300	49,300	47,900	0	+1,400
Wholesale Trade	14,100	14,000	13,400	+ 100	+ 700
Durable Goods	9,400	9,400	8,900	0	+ 500
Nondurable Goods	4,700	4,600	4,500	+ 100	+ 200
Retail Trade	35,200	35,300	34,500	- 100	+ 700
General Merchandise Stores	3,900	3,900	4,000	0	- 100
Food Stores	4,000	4,000	4,000	0	0
Auto Dlrs and Service Stations	4,100	4,100	4,400	0	- 300
Eating and Drinking Places	13,400	13,600	12,500	- 200	+ 900
Other Retail Trade	9,800	9,700	9,600	+ 100	+ 200
FINANCE, INSURANCE and REAL ESTATE	11,100	11,000	11,100	+ 100	0
Banking	2,900	2,900	2,900	0	0
Ins Carriers, Agents and Brokers	3,400	3,400	3,400	0	0
Other Finance, Ins. and Real Estate	4,800	4,700	4,800	+ 100	0
SERVICES and MINING	47,700	47,900	46,100	- 200	+1,600
Hotels and Other Lodging Places	3,100	2,900	2,800	+ 200	+ 300
Health Services	11,300	11,500	10,800	- 200	+ 500
Social Services	2,800	2,700	2,600	+ 100	+ 200
Membership Organizations	1,800	1,800	1,800	0	0
Other Services and Mining	28,700	29,000	28,100	- 300	+ 600
GOVERNMENT	40,600	41,500	41,200	- 900	- 600
Federal	12,700	12,600	13,000	+ 100	- 300
State	9,900	10,300	10,400	- 400	- 500
Local	18,000	18,600	17,800	- 600	+ 200

1/ Estimates include all full-time and part-time wage and salary workers who worked or received pay during the pay period which included the 12th day of the month. Self-employed, family workers, household workers and members of the Armed Forces are excluded.

LAS CRUCES AREA (DONA ANA COUNTY)

ESTIMATED NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT (JOBS)

(Prepared in cooperation with the U. S. Bureau of Labor Statistics)

	Prelim JUL 1982	Revised JUN 1982	Revised JUL 1981	JUL Change From JUN 1982	JUL Change From JUL 1981
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	29,625	30,150	28,550	-525	+1,075
CONSTRUCTION	1,700	1,750	1,875	- 50	- 175
MANUFACTURING	2,550	2,750	2,450	-200	+ 100
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	1,200	1,075	1,100	+125	+ 100
Transportation	550	425	450	+125	+ 100
Comm, Elec, Gas & San Service	650	650	650	0	0
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	5,725	5,700	5,375	+ 25	+ 350
Wholesale Trade	900	900	850	0	+ 50
Retail Trade	4,825	4,800	4,525	+ 25	+ 300
General Merchandise Stores	700	700	650	0	+ 50
Food Stores	700	700	575	0	+ 125
Auto Dlrs & Serv Stations	750	750	775	0	- 25
Eating & Drinking Places	1,700	1,675	1,525	+ 25	+ 175
Other Retail Trade	975	975	1,000	0	- 25
FINANCE, INSURANCE & REAL ESTATE	1,250	1,250	1,250	0	0
SERVICES & MINING	3,975	3,975	3,950	0	+ 25
Hotels & Other Lodging Places	625	650	625	- 25	0
Business Services	725	700	775	+ 25	- 50
Health Services	725	725	650	0	+ 75
Social Services	350	325	475	+ 25	- 125
Other Services & Mining	1,550	1,575	1,425	- 25	+ 125
GOVERNMENT	13,225	13,650	12,550	-425	+ 675
Federal	4,500	4,450	4,300	+ 50	+ 200
State	4,325	4,600	4,450	-275	- 125
Local	4,400	4,600	3,800	-200	+ 600

AVERAGE HOURS AND EARNINGS ESTIMATES

HOURS AND EARNINGS OF PRODUCTION, CONSTRUCTION AND NONSUPERVISORY EMPLOYEES

	AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS			AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS			AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS		
	JUL 1982	JUN 1982	JUL 1981	JUL 1982	JUN 1982	JUL 1981	JUL 1982	JUN 1982	JUL 1981
NEW MEXICO									
MINING	$476.98	$462.31	$447.78	43.8	41.8	43.9	$10.89	$11.06	$10.20
CONSTRUCTION	396.81	375.95	382.88	37.9	36.5	37.5	10.47	10.30	10.21
MANUFACTURING	278.91	281.87	260.40	38.9	39.7	40.0	7.17	7.10	6.51
Durable Goods	300.67	309.97	279.48	38.4	40.1	41.1	7.83	7.73	6.80
Nondurable Gds	231.64	225.03	220.55	39.8	39.0	37.7	5.82	5.77	5.85
COMM and UTIL	379.54	367.43	354.90	41.8	41.1	42.3	9.08	8.94	8.39
TRADE *	251.62	255.92	232.63	36.1	36.3	35.9	6.97	7.05	6.48
BANKING	184.13	184.84	172.41	37.5	37.8	37.4	4.91	4.89	4.61
ALBUQUERQUE									
Manufacturing	$291.83	$298.29	$262.68	37.9	39.3	40.6	$ 7.70	$ 7.59	$ 6.47

* *Excludes Eating and Drinking places*

Note: *Estimates include all full-time and part-time wage and salary workers who worked or received pay during the pay period which included the 12th day of the month. Self-employed, family workers, household workers and members of the Armed Forces are excluded. The average earnings are "gross" reflecting not only changes in basic hourly and incentive wage rates, but also such factors as premium pay for overtime and shift differentials. The work week information relates to the average hours for which pay was received, and is different from standard or scheduled hours due to absenteeism, labor turnover, part-time work, overtime work, etc.*

STATEWIDE ECONOMIC ACTIVITY

ALBUQUERQUE AREA - Work has begun on a 33,000 square foot shopping center in Rio Rancho being developed by Hawkins and Associates. Several groups, including Vista Sandia Hospital, Charter Medical Corporation, Anna Kaseman Hospital and Hospital Corporation of America have filed applications with the State Health Systems Agency to build new psychiatric units in Albuquerque. However, the State Health Agency is expected to grant only one group the permission to locate a new facility. Brown Construction Company was awarded a $5.7 million contract for a highway project on Interstate 25 in Sandoval County. Sparton Southwest Incorporated has been given a $5 million Defense Department Contract to build control equipment for the B52 bomber. The firm is expected to hire about 20 additional workers as a result of the contract. Sparton currently employs 550 workers at its two Albuquerque plants. Preliminary plans have been released for the 176,000 square foot 7-Bar Shopping Center to be located on North Coors Road. The new shopping facility will contain an Allwoods Home Improvement Center, a major grocery store, and at least five fast food establishments. Affiliated Mortagage and Development Company (AMDEC) has proposed locating a large office park on 280 acres in the far Northeast Heights at the intersection of Eubank and Academy. AMDEC's plans call for 2 million square feet of office space, 64,000 square feet of small shops and restaurants and an 8,000 square foot child care center. Before the center can be built, an amendment to the Albuquerque-Bernalillo County Comprehensive Plan is necessary and AMDEC officials are hopeful that city planning commissioners will hear their request in September.

ALAMOGORDO AREA - During the first two quarters of the fiscal year 1982, Holloman AFB spent $9.5 million in New Mexico, with $3.6 million going to Alamogordo businesses and $3.5 million to Las Cruces firms. A new McDonalds restaurant recently opened in Ruidoso. A new bank, First City National Bank, also has opened its doors in Ruidoso.

ARTESIA/CARLSBAD AREA - The Loving School Board is looking at the possibility of building a high school in Loving. School officials said a new facility would cost in the neighborhood of $1.5 million. A new Furrs Cafeteria on South Canal Street in Carlsbad is expected to open in late August or early September. First City National Bank opened its new Artesia facility at the end of July.

CLOVIS/PORTALES AREA - Awtry Enterprises Incorporated has announced plans to move a fuel alcohol plant presently located in Friona, Texas to Clovis. The 900,000 gallon per year plant could be in operation by the end of September and should employ five to six persons. Springer Construction Company recently completed work on the new $1.6 million physical education complex at Melrose High School. Hatch Packing Company in Portales is planning to expand their operations over the next several months which could mean an additional 75 employees at their plant.

ESPANOLA AREA - Espanola Hospital administrators have applied for a state certificate of need from the Health Planning Agency to build a $12.3 million, 60,000 square foot extension at the hospital facilities.

FARMINGTON AREA - The first store opening in the new Animas Valley Mall in Farmington occurred when Sears opened its doors on August 11th. Most of the mall is scheduled to open September 29th, at which time two additional department stores, Bealls and La Belles, and approximately 50 smaller shops will be opened for business. A Dillards department store should open in the mall by this October and a J.C. Penney store is scheduled to open in March of 1983. Work will

start in late September on the San Juan County segment of a CO2 pipeline which will run from southwest Colorado to west Texas, crossing diagonally across New Mexico. The pipeline will be operated by Cortez Pipeline Company, a partnership of Shell Oil Company, Mobil Oil Company and Continental Resources Company. The San Juan County segment is expected to take approximately two months to complete and employ about 400 workers.

GALLUP/GRANTS AREA - Kerr McGee Corporation has reduced uranium production at its mining and milling operations near Grants and Churchrock. Approximately 460 workers or 30 percent of Kerr McGee's new Mexico miners were laid off at the end of July. Mobil Oil Corporation has applied for a state air quality improvement permit in order to build a new in-site uranium leaching facility near Crownpoint. No date was given for starting construction on the project. Work on the new $19 million state prison, to be located near Grants, is expected to begin early this fall. Contract bids for the project will be awarded in six stages with earth moving and installation of utilities scheduled to begin in September. The prison should be completed by the spring of 1984 at which time approximately 270 workers will be employed full time at the facility.

HOBBS/LOVINGTON AREA - Work was completed in early August on the $1.5 million Hobbs City Hall. W.A. Jourdan Construction Company was awarded a $2.3 million contract to build a new elementary school in Hobbs. The new Village Inn Pancake House at the North 40 shopping center is scheduled to open in mid-September and employ 30 persons. A new $200,000 Peking Chinese restaurant employing 30 persons will open in September. Lea County still leads all counties in the Permian Basin in oil drilling rigs in operation; however, the county's current count of 26 rigs was only one half of the number operating in the comparable week in 1981.

LAS CRUCES AREA - Construction is underway on a new 110 bed nursing home next to Sierra Vista Hospital in Truth or Consenquences. The new center will be operated by Care More Incorporated and is being constructed by Atlas Construction Company. The new 66,000 square foot J.C. Penney department store in Mesilla Valley Mall opened in late July. The new store employed 135 workers, about 35 of whom were hired temporarily for the opening. Work is continuing on the $5 million Barelas Avenue bridge project. Renovation of the bridge began in July and will continue until December 1983. The city of Las Cruces has begun negotiations to acquire 30 acres of Bureau of Land Management Land near the city airport for what officials hope will be a foreign trade zone. Foreign trade zones are attractive to industries because no customs duties are charged for items brought into the zones for manufacturing purposes. Piper Hydro Drilling Incorporated is planning to locate a water well drilling rig manufacturing plant near Santa Teresa at the southern end of Dona Ana County. The Piper Hydro plant would employ about 80 persons. El Paso Plating Works officials are considering moving the company's plant which employs approximately 50 persons to the Santa Teresa Industrial Park.

LAS VEGAS AREA - Bradbury and Stamm of Albuquerque and Franken Construction Company of Las Vegas have begun work on the $1 million expansion project at Northeastern Regional Hospital in Las Vegas.

LOS ALAMOS AREA - Work is underway on a $1 million, 12,000 square foot medical office building next to the Los Alamos Medical Center. The U.S. Department of Energy has awarded a $447,000 contract to Snider-Chapman Construction Company of Santa Fe for the construction of a solar collector array at the Los Alamos National Laboratory.

RATON AREA - The H.W. Houston Construction Company was awarded a $1.9 million contract to build a vocational education addition and a new gym-cafeteria at McWell High School.

ROSWELL AREA - Somerville Corporation, a Connecticut based firm, is proceeding with its plans to build a large shopping center on 60 acres of land at North Main Street and Pine Lodge Road in Roswell. The firm intially proposed the shopping center two years age but later withdrew its city application. Details on the planned shopping center were not made public by company officials.

SANTA FE AREA - Work is expected to get underway this fall on the estimated $43 million expansion project at the State Penitentiary south of Santa Fe. The project is expected to be complete in 1984. Developers Jay Roehl and Associates have received initial approval for their request for $8.2 million in Industrial Revenue Bonds to finance construction of a 220 unit hotel on Cerrillos Road. The developers said the new hotel would be built on a 4.8 acre site and employ 120 to 200 persons.

SILVER CITY AREA - A 40,000 square foot T.G. and Y. Family Center opened for business in Silver City. A new Albertson's food store, employing approximately 70 persons, is scheduled to open in September. According to a random survey of Grant County businesses compiled by the Silver City Daily Press, sales in the second quarter of this year were off from five to thirty percent when compared to 1981.

TAOS AREA - According to local merchants, tourism in the Taos area this summer has been good although the buying habits of visitors were changed. Tourists seem to be buying more clothing items and staying at campground facilities more than in years past. Several construction projects are underway at Taos Ski Valley, including the rebuilding of a fire damaged lodge and construction of a waste water treatment plant.

TUCUMCARI AREA - The Childress and Associates duffle bag manufacturing plant in Tucumcari is scheduled to close on August 31st. The plant has been in operation for about one year and employs approximately 80 persons.

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July 1982 CPI-U - 292.2
(Base 1967=100)
CPI-W - 291.8

CPI-U - All Urban Consumers

CPI-W - Urban Wage Earners and Clerical Workers

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OFFICIAL LABOR FORCE ESTIMATES

	PRELIMINARY JULY 1982 [1]				REVISED JUNE 1982 [1]				REVISED JULY 1981 [1]			
	Labor Force	Empl.	Unemp.	Rate	Labor Force	Empl.	Unemp.	Rate	Labor Force	Empl.	Unemp.	Rate
STATEWIDE	596,380	536,391	59,989	10.1	589,406	529,666	59,740	10.1	580,720	539,488	41,232	7.1
ALBUQUERQUE SMSA [2]	218,152	198,869	19,283	8.8	215,457	196,507	18,950	8.8	213,171	197,740	15,431	7.2
DONA ANA [3]	37,102	32,951	4,151	11.2	37,109	32,909	4,200	11.3	34,517	31,663	2,854	8.3
Catron	1,094	932	162	14.8	1,028	890	138	13.4	1,052	985	67	6.4
Chaves	23,189	21,597	1,592	6.9	22,715	21,202	1,513	6.7	22,089	20,738	1,351	6.1
Colfax	7,554	6,806	748	9.9	7,383	6,811	572	7.7	7,446	7,097	349	4,7
Curry	15,054	14,197	857	5,7	14,606	13,694	912	6.2	14,658	13,840	818	5.6
De Baca	990	955	35	3.5	1,025	986	39	3.8	1,036	1,018	18	1.7
Eddy	24,443	22,327	2,116	8.7	23,755	21,619	2,136	9.0	23,488	22,480	1,008	4.3
Grant	12,358	7,561	4,797	38.8	12,864	7,751	5,113	39.7	11,384	10,722	662	5.8
Guadalupe	1,514	1,423	91	6.0	1,492	1,373	119	8.0	1,649	1,482	167	10.1
Harding	642	611	31	4.8	628	597	31	4.9	810	792	18	2.2
Hidalgo	2,628	2,315	313	11.9	2,584	2,294	290	11.2	2,583	2,467	116	4.5
Lea	35,454	33,671	1,783	5.0	34,342	32,855	1,487	4.3	32,819	31,724	1,095	3.3
Lincoln	8,321	8,106	215	2,6	7,967	7,743	224	2.8	7,693	7,504	189	2.5
Los Alamos	10,591	10,418	173	1.6	10,430	10,230	200	1.9	10,739	10,465	274	2.6
Luna	5,321	4,555	766	14.4	5,243	4,530	713	13.6	5,213	4,633	490	9.6
McKinley	19,101	16,380	2,721	14.2	19,126	16,413	2,713	14.2	19,273	17,270	2,003	10.4
Mora	1,192	803	389	32.6	1,170	769	401	34.3	1,049	769	280	26.7
Otero	14,404	13,207	1,197	8.3	14,168	12,957	1,211	8.5	13,851	12,889	962	6.9
Quay	5,329	4,878	451	8.5	5,391	4,955	436	8.1	5,183	4,935	248	4.8
Rio Arriba	11,235	9,036	2,199	19.6	11,129	8,786	2,343	21.1	10,704	8,981	1,723	16.1
Roosevelt	7,058	6,782	276	3.9	6,961	6,685	276	4.0	7,085	6,860	225	3.2
San Juan	39,688	34,973	4,715	11.9	39,771	34,956	4,815	12.1	39,784	36,512	3,272	8.2
San Miguel	8,248	7,206	1,042	12.6	8,139	7,088	1,051	12.9	7,902	7,156	746	9.4
Santa Fe	39,044	36,412	2,632	6.7	37,984	35,288	2,696	7.1	37,776	35,550	2,226	5.9
Sierra	2,700	2,460	240	8.9	2,777	2,674	103	3.7	3,239	3,078	161	5.0
Socorro	4,642	4,138	504	10.9	4,486	4,008	478	10.7	4,516	4,165	351	7.8
Taos	10,920	9,219	1,701	15.6	10,694	8,781	1,913	17.9	9,588	8,401	1,187	12.4
Torrance	2,408	2,281	127	5.3	2,358	2,228	130	5.5	2,389	2,345	44	1.8
Union	2,508	2,315	193	7.7	2,382	2,193	189	7.9	2,568	2,476	92	3.6
Valencia, Cibola [4]	23,496	19,007	4,489	19.1	24,242	19,894	4,348	17.9	25,556	22,751	2,805	11.0

1/ All estimates are made in strict accordance with methodology provided by the U. S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics.

2/ Bernalillo and Sandoval Counties.

3/ Dona Ana County.

4/ Separate estimates for Cibola and Valencia Counties are not yet available

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HIGHLIGHTS

New Mexico's economy showed very little improvement during August according to preliminary labor force estimates. The total number of unemployed in the State rose by 800, pushing the unemployment rate up from a revised 10.0 percent in July to 10.1 percent in August. During the month the U. S. rate declined slightly from 9.8 percent to 9.6 percent.

Wage and salary employment increased by 2,800 jobs during August, and most of the gain was due to seasonal advances in trade, government and manufacturing. Trade added 1,000 jobs over the month, mostly in eating & drinking places, food stores and general merchandise stores. Government recorded 800 additional jobs, as state and local educational institutions began rehiring for the new school year. Manufacturing employment jumped by 500 jobs, with seasonal food processing accounting for 400 of the gain. The only major job category experiencing an actual monthly loss was the hard-hit mining industry. Both metal mining and oil & gas extraction lost 100 jobs, dropping the year ago employment comparison for the industry to -5,300 jobs. Construction posted a rather meager 100 gain, considerably less than usually expected for August. This has generally been the pattern followed by the industry this spring and summer, and consequently this August there were 1,700 fewer jobs in construction statewide than one year previous.

Total unemployment in New Mexico has increased by 21,600 over the last twelve months and only 4,000 of this occurred in the largest metropolitan area, Albuquerque. The largest balance of state unemployment increases, in descending order, have been in Grant, Cibola/Valencia, San Juan, Dona Ana, Eddy and McKinley counties. These six areas accounted for 70 percent of the total increase during the twelve month period in unemployment outside of the Albuquerque area. Reasons for these large unemployment increases generally were copper layoffs in Grant county, uranium layoffs in Cibola/Valencia and McKinley counties, a slowdown in oil & gas extraction and construction in San Juan county and in Dona Ana, layoffs in manufacturing, trade and construction. Much of the construction layoffs in Dona Ana County were the result of the curtailment of jobs in adjacent counties.

AUGUST SUMMARY 1/

	Prel	Revised		Change From	
	Aug 1982	July 1982	Aug 1981	July 1982	Aug 1981
Civilian Labor Force	602,100	596,400	578,500	+5,700	+23,600
Employment	541,500	536,600	539,500	+4,900	+ 2,000
Unemployment	60,600	59,800	39,000	+ 800	+21,600
Rate	10.1	10.0	6.7		

1/ Estimates of employed persons by place of residence.

NEW MEXICO

ESTIMATED NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT (JOBS)

(Prepared in cooperation with the U. S. Bureau of Labor Statistics)

	Prelim AUG 1982	Revised JUL 1982	Revised AUG 1981	Change From AUG JUL 1982	Change From AUG 1981
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT 1/	474,800	472,000	477,900	+2,800	-3,100
MINING	27,000	27,200	32,300	- 200	-5,300
Metal Mining	5,800	5,900	9,600	- 100	-3,800
Bituminous Coal, Quarrying and Nonmetallic Mining	5,100	5,100	5,700	0	- 600
Oil and Gas Extraction	16,100	16,200	17,000	- 100	- 900
CONSTRUCTION	32,400	32,300	34,100	+ 100	-1,700
MANUFACTURING	33,200	32,700	34,700	+ 500	-1,500
Durable Goods	20,400	20,400	21,200	0	- 800
Lumber and Wood Products	2,000	2,100	2,800	- 100	- 800
Elec. and Electronic Equipment	3,700	3,600	3,500	+ 100	+ 200
Transportation Equipment	3,800	3,700	3,700	+ 100	+ 100
Other Durable Goods	10,900	11,000	11,200	- 100	- 300
Nondurable Goods	12,800	12,300	13,500	+ 500	- 700
Food and Kindred Products	4,200	3,800	4,300	+ 400	- 100
Textiles and Apparel	3,000	2,900	3,600	+ 100	- 600
Other Nondurable Goods	5,600	5,600	5,600	0	0
TRANSPORTATION and PUBLIC UTILITIES	28,600	28,100	28,600	+ 500	0
Railroad Transportation	2,500	2,500	2,900	0	- 400
Trucking and Warehousing	5,700	5,600	5,700	+ 100	0
Other Transportation	3,100	3,000	3,000	+ 100	+ 100
Communication	7,400	7,300	7,300	+ 100	+ 100
Elec., Gas and Sanitary Services	9,900	9,700	9,700	+ 200	+ 200
WHOLESALE and RETAIL TRADE	111,800	110,800	108,600	+1,000	+3,200
Wholesale Trade	23,400	23,400	23,000	0	+ 400
Durable Goods	14,200	14,200	13,900	0	+ 300
Nondurable Goods	9,200	9,200	9,100	0	+ 100
Retail Trade	88,400	87,400	85,600	+1,000	+2,800
General Merchandise Stores	11,000	10,700	10,800	+ 300	+ 200
Food Stores	13,000	12,700	12,000	+ 300	+1,000
Auto Dlrs and Service Stations	11,700	11,600	12,000	+ 100	- 300
Eating and Drinking Places	31,300	30,900	29,400	+ 400	+1,900
Other Retail Trade	21,400	21,500	21,400	- 100	0
FINANCE, INSURANCE and REAL ESTATE	22,400	22,400	21,900	0	+ 500
Banking	7,800	7,800	7,500	0	+ 300
Ins. Carriers, Agents and Brokers	5,400	5,300	5,400	+ 100	0
Other Finance, Ins. and Real Estate	9,200	9,300	9,000	- 100	+ 200
SERVICES	98,800	98,700	96,900	+ 100	+1,900
Hotels and Other Lodging Places	11,200	11,100	11,100	+ 100	+ 100
Personal Services	4,600	4,600	4,500	0	+ 100
Business Services	20,400	20,400	20,200	0	+ 200
Health Services	24,100	23,600	22,600	+ 500	+1,500
Social Services	6,800	6,900	8,700	- 100	-1,900
Membership Organizations	6,700	6,900	6,000	- 200	+ 700
Other Services	25,000	25,200	23,800	- 200	+1,200
GOVERNMENT	120,600	119,800	120,800	+ 800	- 200
Federal	29,500	29,800	30,400	- 300	- 900
State 2/	39,700	39,100	41,300	+ 600	-1,600
Local	51,400	50,900	49,100	+ 500	+2,300

1/ Estimates include all full-time and part-time wage and salary workers who worked or received pay during the pay period which included the 12th day of the month. Self-employed, family workers, household workers and members of the Armed Forces are excluded.

2/ Includes other state employees working in New Mexico.

ALBUQUERQUE AREA (BERNALILLO AND SANDOVAL COUNTIES)

HIGHLIGHTS

Although the Albuquerque area's unemployment rate is at a high level, the area's labor market continued to perform somewhat better than statewide, according to preliminary August estimates. Albuquerque's unemployment rate declined seasonally from 8.8 percent in July to 8.6 percent in August, in contrast to the Statewide rate which experienced an over-the-month increase from 10.0 to 10.1 percent. Over the last 12 months, the Albuquerque jobless rate has increased by 1.6 percentage points while statewide, the rate has jumped by 3.4 percentage points. One of the major reasons for this difference has been the substantial layoffs in the copper, uranium and oil & gas extraction sectors of mining - industries which Albuquerque does not have.

During August, wage and salary employment in the Albuquerque area increased by 1,400 jobs. All major industries saw job gains; however the largest increases occurred in government and trade. As expected this time of year, state educational institutions began rehiring for the fall semester, resulting in an increase in state government of 600 jobs. Offsetting this somewhat was a seasonal decline of 200 in federal government. Trade experienced a gain of 300 jobs, spread among general merchandise, eating & drinking places and the other retail trade sector. Transportation added 200 jobs as school bus contractors began hiring for the fall.

Looking at year ago employment comparisons, the only major industries recording growth continued to be trade and services. Industry sectors with significant additional jobs were eating and drinking places in trade, and health and lodging in services.

AUGUST SUMMARY 1/

	Prel	Revised		Change From	
	Aug 1982	July 1982	Aug 1981	July 1982	Aug 1981
Civilian Labor Force	220,500	218,700	213,100	+1,800	+7,400
Employment	201,500	199,400	198,100	+2,100	+3,400
Unemployment	19,000	19,300	15,000	- 300	+4,000
Rate	8.6	8.8	7.0		

1/ *Estimates of employed persons by place of residence.*

ALBUQUERQUE AREA (BERNALILLO AND SANDOVAL COUNTIES)

ESTIMATED NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT (JOBS)

(Prepared in cooperation with the U. S. Bureau of Labor Statistics)

	Prelim AUG 1982	Revised JUL 1982	Revised AUG 1981	AUG Change From JUL 1982	AUG Change From AUG 1981
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT 1/	190,600	189,200	190,000	+1,400	+6,000
CONSTRUCTION	12,300	12,100	12,500	+ 200	- 200
MANUFACTURING	16,900	16,800	17,900	+ 100	-1,000
Durable Goods	11,900	11,800	12,300	+ 100	- 400
Nondurable Goods	5,000	5,000	5,600	0	- 600
TRANSPORTATION and PUBLIC UTILITIES	11,500	11,300	11,800	+ 200	- 300
Transportation	5,100	4,900	5,600	+ 200	- 500
Communication	3,900	3,900	3,900	0	0
Electric, Gas and Sanitary Services	2,500	2,500	2,300	0	+ 200
WHOLESALE and RETAIL TRADE	49,600	49,300	48,500	+ 300	+1,100
Wholesale Trade	14,100	14,100	13,500	0	+ 600
Durable Goods	9,400	9,400	9,000	0	+ 400
Nondurable Goods	4,700	4,700	4,500	0	+ 200
Retail Trade	35,500	35,200	35,000	+ 300	+ 500
General Merchandise Stores	3,900	3,800	4,100	+ 100	- 200
Food Stores	4,000	4,000	4,000	0	0
Auto Dlrs and Service Stations	4,100	4,100	4,300	0	- 200
Eating and Drinking Places	13,600	13,500	12,900	+ 100	+ 700
Other Retail Trade	9,900	9,800	9,700	+ 100	+ 200
FINANCE, INSURANCE and REAL ESTATE	11,100	11,000	11,100	+ 100	0
Banking	2,900	2,800	2,900	+ 100	0
Ins Carriers, Agents and Brokers	3,400	3,400	3,400	0	0
Other Finance, Ins. and Real Estate	4,800	4,800	4,800	0	0
SERVICES and MINING	47,900	47,800	46,000	+ 100	+1,900
Hotels and Other Lodging Places	3,200	3,100	2,800	+ 100	+ 400
Health Services	11,400	11,300	10,800	+ 100	+ 600
Social Services	2,800	2,800	2,600	0	+ 200
Membership Organizations	1,800	1,800	1,800	0	0
Other Services and Mining	28,700	28,800	28,000	- 100	+ 700
GOVERNMENT	41,300	40,900	42,200	+ 400	- 900
Federal	12,500	12,700	13,000	- 200	- 500
State	10,600	10,000	11,300	+ 600	- 700
Local	18,200	18,200	17,900	0	+ 300

1/ *Estimates include all full-time and part-time wage and salary workers who worked or received pay during the pay period which included the 12th day of the month. Self-employed, family workers, household workers and members of the Armed Forces are excluded.*

LAS CRUCES AREA (DONA ANA COUNTY)

ESTIMATED NONAGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT (JOBS)

(Prepared in cooperation with the U. S. Bureau of Labor Statistics)

	Prelim AUG 1982	Revised JUL 1982	Revised AUG 1981	AUG Change From JUL 1982	AUG Change From AUG 1981
TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL EMPLOYMENT	30,200	29,850	28,475	+350	+1,725
CONSTRUCTION	1,750	1,750	1,750	0	0
MANUFACTURING	2,900	2,600	2,750	+300	+ 150
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	1,200	1,175	1,075	+ 25	+ 125
Transportation	550	525	425	+ 25	+ 125
Comm, Elec, Gas & San Service	650	650	650	0	0
WHOLESALE & RETAIL TRADE	5,825	5,800	5,550	+ 25	+ 275
Wholesale Trade	875	900	950	- 25	- 75
Retail Trade	4,950	4,900	4,600	+ 50	+ 350
General Merchandise Stores	750	750	775	0	- 25
Food Stores	700	675	575	+ 25	+ 125
Auto Dlrs & Serv Stations	750	750	725	0	+ 25
Eating & Drinking Places	1,750	1,725	1,575	+ 25	+ 175
Other Retail Trade	1,000	1,000	950	0	+ 50
FINANCE, INSURANCE & REAL ESTATE	1,250	1,250	1,250	0	0
SERVICES & MINING	4,050	3,950	3,975	+100	+ 75
Hotels & Other Lodging Places	650	625	650	+ 25	0
Business Services	725	725	725	0	0
Health Services	725	725	700	0	+ 25
Social Services	350	350	375	0	- 25
Other Services & Mining	1,600	1,525	1,525	+ 75	+ 75
GOVERNMENT	13,225	13,325	12,125	-100	+1,100
Federal	4,400	4,500	4,250	-100	+ 150
State	4,250	4,325	4,200	- 75	+ 50
Local	4,575	4,500	3,675	+ 75	+ 900

AVERAGE HOURS AND EARNINGS ESTIMATES

HOURS AND EARNINGS OF PRODUCTION, CONSTRUCTION AND NONSUPERVISORY EMPLOYEES

	AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS			AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS			AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS		
	AUG 1982	JUL 1982	AUG 1981	AUG 1982	JUL 1982	AUG 1981	AUG 1982	JUL 1982	AUG 1981
NEW MEXICO									
MINING	$483.57	$507.21	$447.34	40.5	43.5	43.6	$11.94	$11.66	$10.26
CONSTRUCTION	394.69	392.52	371.94	37.2	37.1	36.5	10.61	10.58	10.19
MANUFACTURING	263.34	272.05	253.16	38.5	39.6	38.3	6.84	6.87	6.61
Durable Goods	286.08	293.38	272.84	38.4	39.7	38.7	7.45	7.39	7.05
Nondurable Gds	217.11	227.34	212.24	38.7	39.4	37.3	5.61	5.77	5.69
COMM and UTIL	375.31	389.67	367.16	39.8	41.9	42.3	9.43	9.30	8.68
TRADE *	245.16	251.75	237.54	36.7	37.8	36.1	6.68	6.66	6.58
BANKING	196.61	184.13	178.64	39.4	37.5	38.5	4.99	4.91	4.64
ALBUQUERQUE									
Manufacturing	$279.68	$300.69	$258.55	38.0	39.0	37.8	$ 7.36	$ 7.71	$ 6.84

* *Excludes Eating and Drinking places*

Note: Estimates include all full-time and part-time wage and salary workers who worked or received pay during the pay period which included the 12th day of the month. Self-employed, family workers, household workers and members of the Armed Forces are excluded. The average earnings are "gross" reflecting not only changes in basic hourly and incentive wage rates, but also such factors as premium pay for overtime and shift differentials. The work week information relates to the average hours for which pay was received, and is different from standard or scheduled hours due to absenteeism, labor turnover, part-time work, overtime work, etc.

STATEWIDE ECONOMIC ACTIVITY

ALBUQUERQUE AREA - Sears, Roebuck and Company plans to move its credit operations in Albuquerque to Phoenix and convert its local retail warehouse operations to a smaller distribution type facility. Approximately 115 Sears employees in Albuquerque are expected to be laid off by early November due to the changes. The State Health Systems Agency has given preliminary approval for three new psychiatric facilities in Albuquerque. Anna Kaseman Hospital, Vista Sandia Hospital and HCA Psychiatric all plan to locate health facilities, ranging from 27 to 80 beds in size, in the City. The State Health Planning and Development Bureau will make the final decision on how many facilities will be built. A $2 million renovation project is planned for the downtown buildings at Third and Central S.W. The buildings will be remodeled into 35,000 square feet of office space, with work scheduled to start December 1st of this year.

ALAMOGORDO/RUIDOSO AREA - Work is continuing by Hemsel-Phelps Corporation on the $25 million High Energy Laser Test facility at White Sands Missile Range. The facility is expected to be in operation by next year and employ about 200 persons. Plans were recently submitted to the Ruidoso Planning Commission for development of 40 acres in Ruidoso Downs into a convention center, office and stable facilities. Developers Briscoe West and John Bachelor want to begin work on the center this winter and hope to have the facility open for horse racing season by next year.

ARTESIA/CARLSBAD AREA - Visitation to Carlsbad Caverns National Park is currently running two percent ahead of the same period in 1981. Bids are scheduled to be awarded soon on four projects costing an estimated $16.8 million for the proposed Waste Isolation Pilot Plant near Carlsbad. The largest of the projects will be construction of a 10 inch, 31 mile water line to the project site, estimated to cost about $10 million. Other projects will involve earth work and construction of two water tanks. GEO Source, an oil field service company, is planning to construct a $7.7 million facility in the Artesia Industrial Park. Approximately 45 persons will be employed by GEO Source in Artesia.

BELEN/SOCORRO AREA - Work has begun on a $1.25 million industrial complex at the Central New Mexico Correctional Facility located south of Los Lunas. The new prison facility is expected to be completed by February 1983. Amigo Enterprises of Albuquerque plans to locate an adobe brick manufacturing operation on a 160 acre tract south of Belen. The company had outgrown its Albuquerque plant and the new operation should open this October. United Catalyst Incorporated is looking at the Belen area for location of a desiccant clay processing plant which would employ about 30 workers. Desiccant clay is used in electronic instruments to absorb moisture.

CLOVIS/PORTALES AREA - Midwest Fuel Systems Incorporated has requested $3 million in industrial revenue bonds to finance construction of two fuel alcohol production plants east of Clovis. According to recently released figures, Cannon Air Force Base in Clovis employed 4,562 military and civilian personnel during fiscal year 1981, with a total payroll of about $62 million. Springer Construction Company of Albuquerque has started work on a $1.3 million expansion project at the Clovis campus of Eastern New Mexico University.

ESPANOLA AREA - Duke City Lumber Company has closed its Espanola lumber mill and laid off 55 workers. The closure was due to the State Environmental Improvement Board ordering the company to comply with air quality standards. Duke City Lumber is appealing the ruling; however another 65 subcontracting employees involved in lumbering could also be laid off if the lumber mill is closed for any length of time. Work is expected to get underway by this February on the $12.2 million expansion of Espanola Hospital.

GALLUP/GRANTS AREA - Conoco Incorporated has announced plans to phase out its uranium mining and milling operation near Crownpoint. Approximately 300 area Conoco workers are expected to be laid off because of the phase out. Seay Constuction Company of Albuquerque was awarded the earth work contract for the new $20 million state prison to be located near Grants. The earth work phase of the project is expected to be completed by mid-December, at which time the concrete work phase will start. The facility is slated for completion in mid-1984. Santa Fe Coal Corporation has announced the start of the company's long awaited Lee Ranch Coal Mine project located north of Grants. Access road work to the coal reserves is expected to be completed late this year, at which time the open pit mining operation will begin. The mine is expected to employ approximately 400 workers when in full production.

HOBBS/LOVINGTON AREA - Lea Regional Hospital has filed for a state Certificate of Need to build a 70 bed addition to its main facility in Hobbs. The State recently approved a Certificate of Need for a $462,000 surgical center at Norte Vista Medical Center in Hobbs. Hamilton Construction Company of Silver City has begun work on the $1.6 million resurfacing project on the Hobbs-Lovington highway. A 60 room Super 8 Motel is under construction in Hobbs and should be open for business by the end of the year. A new $1 million private club, the Petroleum Club, is being planned for Hobbs. The facility would employ approximately 100 persons and have a dining capacity of 250.

LAS CRUCES AREA - Residential building permits issued in July by the city of Las Cruces totaled 25, the highest mark in two years. Construction is expected to begin soon on the 43,000 square foot plant for Micro Switch, a division of Honeywell. Production should begin in the new facility by next spring at which time approximately 150 persons will be employed by Micro Switch. The Evangelical Lutheran Good Samaritan Society has received approval for $7.2 million in industrial revenue bonds to construct a 166 unit retirement apartment complex in Las Cruces. The retirement complex is expected to cost a total of $12 million to build and employ about 70 persons. The U. S. Transportation Department is expected to provide $1.2 million for a new reliever airport in southern Dona Ana county in the Santa Teresa area. The new airport would help alleviate air traffic congestion at El Paso International Airport.

LAS VEGAS AREA - Renovation work is almost complete at the Montezuma Castle, now known as the Armand Hammer United World College. Classes at the two year academic school began in September with approximately 100 students attending and 12 facility members providing instruction. Two new Allsups convience stores have opened in the area - two in Las Vegas and one in Mora.

LOS ALAMOS AREA - T. Brown Construction Company was awarded a $925,000 contract for highway repair on State Road 30 from Espanola to Los Alamos.

RATON AREA - Kaiser Steel Corporation has laid off 110 workers or 20 percent of the workforce at their York Canyon Coal Mine near Raton. The layoff, which was effective September 7th, was necessary because of the recent closure of one of York Canyon's major coal buyers, Lone Star Steel near Ft. Worth, Texas.

ROSWELL AREA - Work has begun on the 12 story, $12.5 million First National Tower building in Roswell. Marecon Constructors Incorporated of Houston is the general contractor for the project which is expected to take 12 to 15 months to complete.

SANTA FE AREA - A 12 acre housing development is being proposed for an area south of Santa Fe near the La Cienega interchange. The project, called Posadas de Cienega, would contain a 44 room motel, 40 condominiums, a restaurant, a gas station and a convenience store. The project is under consideration by the Santa Fe Development Review Committee. Work is underway on two large projects in Santa Fe. A 56 unit condominium project, Los Miradores, is being built on a 16 acre site adjacent to St. Johns College and a 50,000 square foot shopping center is being constructed at the intersection of Zia and Rodeo Road. The new Skaggs Alpha Beta food and drug store on Cerrillos Road is scheduled to open on October 24th with approximately 180 employees.

SILVER CITY AREA - The new 32,000 square foot Albertsons grocery store in Silver City opened its doors to area residents September 1st. Approximately 75 persons have been employed at the new store. Recent figures released by the area's three copper mining firms indicate a significant reduction in employment even when the mines are put back into production. Kennecott Corporation plans to cut its previous 1,600 workforce to about 1,200 when the Chino Mines Division is back in production. Phelps Dodge's projections show approximately 100 fewer workers than the mine's 700 copper workers before the shutdown. Sharon Steel is planning permanent cuts of about 75 to its 585 workforce previous to the shutdown. All mining officials emphasized that as of yet no decision has been made to start production again.

TAOS AREA - Molycorp ended open pit mining at its Questa molybdenum mine in early September and is not preparing to open its new $250 million underground operation in July of next year. Molycorp is using its miners to complete construction of the new operation, allowing the company to avoid layoffs. Molycorp now employs about 800 workers and their workforce should increase to about 1,000 when the underground mine is operating at full capacity. Rio Costilla Livestock Association is planning to open its new ski recreation area near Amalia in December of this year, providing Mother Nature cooperates. The new area is expected to attract approximately 1,000 skiers per day according to Association officials.

TUCUMCARI AREA - Evetts Construction Company has begun work on a $174,000 office building in Tucumcari. KNC Incorporated of Albuquerque was the apparent low bidder of $8.5 million for raising the height of Ute Dam; however the Interstate Streams Commission is not expected to award the contract until October.

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CPI-U - All Urban Consumers

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OFFICIAL LABOR FORCE ESTIMATES

	PRELIMINARY AUGUST 1982 [1]				REVISED JULY 1982 [1]				REVISED AUGUST 1981 [1]			
	Labor Force	Empl.	Unemp.	Rate	Labor Force	Empl.	Unemp.	Rate	Labor Force	Empl.	Unemp.	Rate
STATEWIDE	602,103	541,521	60,582	10.1	596,484	536,640	59,844	10.0	578,549	539,510	39,039	6.7
ALBUQUERQUE SMSA [2]	220,510	201,485	19,025	8.6	218,718	199,436	19,282	8.8	213,095	198,080	15,015	7.0
LAS CRUCES SMSA [3]	37,937	33,756	4,181	11.0	37,353	33,203	4,150	11.1	34,183	31,702	2,481	7.3
Catron	991	830	161	16.2	1,034	867	167	16.2	932	868	64	6.9
Chaves	23,352	21,572	1,780	7.6	23,020	21,436	1,584	6.9	21,819	20,575	1,244	5.7
Colfax	7,611	7,098	513	6.7	7,547	6,808	739	9.8	7,267	6,969	298	4.1
Curry	15,019	14,134	885	5.9	14,896	14,051	845	5.7	14,475	13,668	807	5.6
De Baca	988	965	23	2.3	989	955	34	3.4	1,022	1,006	16	1.6
Eddy	24,920	22,597	2,323	9.3	24,443	22,332	2,111	8.6	23,381	22,448	933	4.0
Grant	11,984	7,435	4,549	38.0	12,075	7,308	4,767	39.5	11,268	10,543	725	6.4
Guadalupe	1,519	1,426	93	6.1	1,513	1,423	90	5.9	1,625	1,485	140	8.6
Harding	639	616	23	3.6	642	611	31	4.8	758	746	12	1.6
Hidalgo	2,678	2,321	357	13.3	2,629	2,316	313	11.9	2,381	2,310	71	3.0
Lea	35,599	33,956	1,643	4.6	35,440	33,678	1,762	5.0	32,776	31,781	995	3.0
Lincoln	8,299	8,105	194	2.3	8,320	8,108	212	2.5	7,620	7,473	147	1.9
Los Alamos	10,664	10,495	169	1.6	10,592	10,421	171	1.6	10,630	10,386	244	2.3
Luna	5,436	4,697	739	13.6	5,326	4,556	770	14.5	5,520	5,057	463	8.4
McKinley	18,818	16,028	2,790	14.8	19,090	16,384	2,706	14.2	19,309	17,426	1,883	9.8
Mora	1,130	792	338	29.9	1,188	803	385	32.4	1,031	739	292	28.3
Otero	14,595	13,370	1,225	8.4	14,399	13,209	1,190	8.3	13,787	12,854	933	6.8
Quay	5,357	4,901	456	8.5	5,330	4,879	451	8.5	5,122	4,908	214	4.2
Rio Arriba	10,987	8,816	2,171	19.8	11,242	9,038	2,204	19.6	10,397	8,794	1,603	15.4
Roosevelt	7,139	6,865	274	3.8	7,056	6,783	273	3.9	6,790	6,605	185	2.7
San Juan	40,511	35,297	5,214	12.9	39,689	34,980	4,709	11.9	40,257	37,088	3,169	7.9
San Miguel	8,638	7,527	1,111	12.9	8,244	7,208	1,036	12.6	7,875	7,089	786	10.0
Santa Fe	39,074	36,468	2,606	6.7	39,035	36,419	2,616	6.7	38,077	36,047	2,030	5.3
Sierra	2,678	2,448	230	8.6	2,703	2,460	243	9.0	3,253	3,106	147	4.5
Socorro	4,694	4,196	498	10.6	4,637	4,139	498	10.7	4,465	4,101	364	8.2
Taos	10,961	9,265	1,696	15.5	10,922	9,221	1,701	15.6	9,520	8,388	1,132	11.9
Torrance	2,404	2,282	122	5.1	2,407	2,281	126	5.2	2,366	2,294	72	3.0
Union	2,459	2,284	175	7.1	2,517	2,316	201	8.0	2,501	2,432	69	2.8
Valencia, Cibola [4]	24,512	19,494	5,018	20.5	23,488	19,011	4,477	19.1	25,047	22,542	2,505	10.0

1/ All estimates are made in strict accordance with methodology provided by the U. S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics.

2/ Bernalillo and Sandoval Counties.

3/ Dona Ana County.

4/ Separate estimates for Cibola and Valencia counties are not yet available.